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## Cost of Certified mail increased from \$2.85 to \$2.95 Cost of Certified mail + .45C Stamp increased from \$3.29 to \$3.40

THIS IS THE UPDATED PROCESS TO PREPARE CERTIFIED MAIL.

Any one filing an application with the Planning Department will be required to incur costs for <u>certified mailing of legal</u> notices to abutters.

## The process for legally noticing to abutters is as follows.

- 1. Obtain a certified abutters list from the Assessor's office.
- 2. Create 3 sets of type written labels that contain the full name, full street number, full street address, full city and state, & zip code of each abutter.
- 3. Create one set of return address labels as follows:

Town of North Andover 1600 Osgood Street Bldg. 20, Suite 2-36 Planning Department North Andover, MA 01845

- 4. You will be required to obtain a postal service <u>certified mail green and white slip. You can get them from the post office.</u>
- 5. Affix one abutter label to the green & white slip.
- 6. Affix one abutter label to the actual envelope.
- 7. Affix the Planning Department return address label to the upper left hand corner of the envelope.
- 8. Cost of postage for certified mail is \$0.45 + \$2.95 = \$3.40 per mailing envelope of which the applicant is responsible for, you will need to purchase the correct amount of postage stamps from the post office.
- 9. Bring the envelopes along with the green & white slips and the proper postage to the Planning Department, they will insert the legal notice inside the envelope and then mail the envelopes out.
- 10. Bring the 3<sup>rd</sup> set of mailing labels to the Planning Department because these labels will be used to mail the decision to the abutters. Applicant is responsible for submitting a 0.45 cent stamp for each abutter to the Planning Department.

Please note: postage meter slips will not be accepted in lieu of stamps.